**American Government**

**Study Guide**

**Ch. 1 – Principles of Government**

1. Know the definitions for the terms in bold type in the chapter.
2. What are the 3 basic kinds of power every government exercises?
3. What is the difference between politics and government?
4. What are the 4 characteristics of a state?
5. What are the 4 theories on the origins of the state?
6. Know the essentials of the purpose of government.
7. What is the difference between a democracy and a dictatorship?
8. What are the 3 basic forms of government that are characterized by a

geographic distribution of power? Be able to give an example of each.

1. What are the differences between the presidential and parliamentary

forms of government?

1. What are the 5 basic notions on which the concept of American democracy

rests?

1. What is every person entitled to under the democratic concept of equality?
2. What is the relationship between majority will and minority rights?
3. What are the two major reasons why compromise is essential to

democracy?

1. What is the difference between the duties and responsibilities of a

citizen?

1. What are the 4 fundamental factors of the free enterprise system?
2. What role does government play in a free enterprise system?